

# NU HOU DALA PAA

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## 1981 WOODEN TOKEN HONORS KAM III & PEARL HARBOR



The Honolulu Coin Club is honoring King Kamehameha III in it's fifth issue with a wooden token.

Kamehameha III was the ruler of the Hawaiian Islands from 1824-1854 and is the son of Kamehameha the Great. Kamehameha III reign to the throne for thirty years, longest in the history of Hawaii. He was the great Mahele dividing the land with the people receiving their share.

On the reverse side of the token, we are commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The token will be sold for 25¢ at the Honolulu Coin Club Show on August 22nd. It will also be available after the show at 25¢ plus SASE by submitting your payment and request to the Honolulu Coin Club, P. O. Box 6063, Honolulu, HI 96818.

Join a Coin Club!  
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## JAPAN'S FAMOUS WOODCARVING ARTIST JOINS CLUB

Ikkoku Tanaka, a wood carver from Japan, joined the Honolulu Coin Club recently. He is a master artist in his work and is commissioned by the Emperor of Japan and the Japanese government to do many of the art work in his country. He is noted for his realistic and intricate work which has made him world renowned.

The members of the Club have voted Mr. Tanaka as an honorary life member. We also appreciate his generous donations to the Club.





## *Boursing around the Shops*

Heading West on Kamehameha Highway, passing the Wilson bridge into Wahiawa, there is a neat coin shop on Olive Street called "Andy's Stamp and Coin Shop." The store is owned and operated by Andy Nagy. Andy has been dealing with coins since 1965 and has been at the Wahiawa shop since 1972.

He has U.S. and Japan stamps, U.S. and world coins, and a weekly auction bid board of stamps and coins.

Andy has been active with the local coin club for a long time, serving as President of HSNA and as a life member with the Honolulu Coin Club.

If you are ever in the vicinity of Wahiawa drop by and see Andy. He will be happy to see you.

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### **ALOHA, PEPE!**

Aloha to Charles Pepe, President of Honolulu Coin Club who will be leaving Hawaii to make his new home in Pennsylvania. Good luck and keep in touch!



**NATIONAL  
COIN WEEK**  
**APRIL 19-25 1981**

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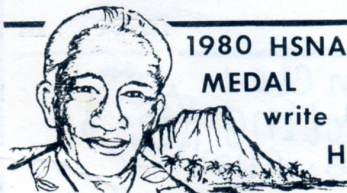
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## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, AREA COIN CLUB!**

Area Coin Club, founded on April 17, 1970, is celebrating its 11th Anniversary. The Coin Club meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at Club Makai, Hickam Air Force Base. The President of the Club is Larry Ke. The public is always welcome to visit or join the Club. Happy Anniversary to all the members of Area Coin Club.



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HONOLULU, HI 96809





## KAZU'S CORNER

### TRANSPORTATION TOKENS OF HONOLULU

By Kazuo Oyama

Today's clamor for a fixed guideway mass transit system must surely amuse a lot of oldtimers who remember the Honolulu Rapid Transit (HRT) System that provided many years of efficient rail transportation in Honolulu.

Memories of the Honolulu Rapid Transit remains with us in tokens issued by the company. These tokens were issued in the 1920's and provided a means of discount fare. Whereas, the cash fare remained at 10¢ for adults (student) rates started at 3-3/4¢ and ended at 5¢) tokens were sold at various times for two for 15¢, three for 20¢, three for 25¢, and five for 40¢. Tokens were discontinued as of August 31, 1949.

Two types of tokens were issued--the full fare token and the half-fare school token. Both types were made in "white metal" and zinc. Because of the corrosive nature of zinc, most of these tokens are not as well preserved as those made of "white metal."

Besides the two types of tokens, HRT also made the "Hula Girl" token of 1951. However, this token was never put to use. Today they are popular souvenir items sold in many Waikiki Shops and local coin dealers.

The Honolulu Rapid Transit Company first started operating its electric-powered railway system on August 31, 1901 as the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company, Ltd. It changed its name to the Honolulu Rapid Transit Company, Ltd on April 28, 1922.

HRT was not the first rail transport system in Honolulu. It was preceded by a mule-powered rail system called the Hawaiian Tramways. The "mule-train" made its inaugural run on December 28, 1888, with a 5¢ fare and continued operating until April 1903 when it was sold to Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company, Ltd.

In the 1930's and early 1940's, two other transportation companies competed with HRT and provided bus transportation in Honolulu and Pearl Harbor Naval Base. They, too, were forced out of business. These two companies--the Rosecrans U-Drive, Ltd and the Pearl Harbor Drivers Association--left tokens as their mementos to Honolulu's transportation history.



#### AREA COIN CLUB

##### Mini Coin Show

Celebration of the 11th Anniversary of  
the Club Sunday, May 3, 1981

(Club Makai) Hickam AFB 2PM - 8PM

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#### MAUI COIN CLUB SHOW

Pending for June 1981

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#### HONOLULU COIN CLUB SHOW

AUGUST 22, 1981

- St. Andrews

Von Holt Room

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#### HSNA SHOW

Queen Kapiolani Hotel

November 12 - 15 1981





### SPREAD THE NEWS WITH NU HOU DALA PAA!

On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere made his famous ride to spread the news throughout the villages and farms. How about you spreading your news?

Beginning our next issue of the NU HOU DALA PAA (Coin News) we will be selling advertisement for the paper. The ads will be  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ", and the cost of the ads will be \$10.00 per issue. The money from the ads will be used to pay for the printing of the newsletter.

The NU HOU DALA PAA will be printed three times a year, April, August and December. If you are interested in having an ad in the newsletter, please print the name of the company, address, phone and type of business etc.

Mail your information and check to:

Honolulu Coin Club  
PO Box 6063  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

The deadline for the August issue is July 20, 1981.

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